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CORRUPTION CULPRITS

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE plea that no Secretariat Staff has so far been charged with having manipulated with official files after a Minister had made his notings on a briefing note is no proof that officialdom harbours no miscreants.

The above plea is a rejoinder from the president of the Tamil Nadu Secretariat Association disclaiming that the employees of the Secratariat could have played any part in corrupt practices as stated by Chief Minister M.G. Ramachandran at a public meeting recently.

What MGR had brought into focus was that corruption in public life and at the official level was so rampant that it persisted even under the very nose of Ministers and they too seemed helpless.

THE INCIDENT

According to the Chief Minister, a file dealing with a stay order filed in the court by an individual was being opposed by the Government and when that particular paper was returned to a Secretary with a noting from Minister concerned, the Secretary's remarks were found altered by an interested miscreant somewhere in between. A probe has been initiated and the culprit is yet to be indentified.

Industrialists, businessmen and the lay public are only too aware of what goes on in most of the government offices like the PWD, the Madras Corporation and the Secretariat where papers need to have official sanction. The files do not move unless the palms are greased.

WHERE IT STAYS ?

It may be argued that the giver is as much guilty as the taker in allowing corruption to stay alive. It was only during the Emergency that we witnessed some kind of vigilance where the corrupt ones were caught red-handed and severely punished.

It is a poor commentary on our sense of honesty that we are inclined to remain clean only when there is a threat of punishment.

Where has corruption stayed its hands? one may well ask. The houseowner of a building who depends only on the rentals had this to say: "I must please the sanitation and waterworks employees if I am to be assured of good water supply to my residence and if the sewage is to free from slushwater and stench".

HOSPITALS

It is also common knowledge that when Corporation tax assessors visit the premises the owners are covertly told that their levies can be kept at the lowest possible levels only if "something" is given which will have to be shared among the officials concerned.

If an additional room is to be built or a floor is to be added to a building, the plan will be approved only for a consideration.

Patients seeking admission to Government hospitals know the plight to which they are subjected to secure free treatment. The staff will have to be tipped at all stages to get proper attention.

Take the case of education and the admission of children, boys and girls in the schools, colleges and for technical courses, a lot of influence and money have to be doled out under the counter to the persons concerned.

The corridors of the Secretariat are saturating with touts who know how to get across to the right person to get matters accomplished for a price.

C. M. NOT WRONG

A couple of years ago there was the case of a high official attached to the Chief Minister's department who used his mistress as a tout. She weiled so much power in the locality where she resided that she could do and undo things overnight at the highest level whereas it took years for others to achieve the same results officially and legally.

Thus, Chief Minister M. G. Ramachandran was not wrong when he said that corruption was so rampant within the Secretariat that it is beyond the capacity of the Ministers to bring the culprits to book.

Why Did Patel Say All That?

By M. K. KRISHNA

SPOKESMEN for industrialists (in private) and their mouth-pieces among journalists (in public) have spoken and written in great anger against remarks made by Union Finance Minister H M. Patel, on January 9 at a meeting of the Tamil Nadu branch of the All-India Manufacturers' Organisation.

When he saw his senator friend also sticking his knife, the Roman dictator Julius Caesar exclaimed to Marcus Junius Brutus, according to Plutarch, "Kai su technon" (you too, my son,) rather than "Et tu, Brute" (you too, Brutus).

The agony of the industrialists perhaps is similar to that of Caesar as he was being stabbed by many who were once his friends and whose lives he had saved in war and peace—the industrialists are sad that this man Patel of all persons should have turned against them in public speech to upbraid them in such "vulgarity" as is associated with wayward trade union leaders and Communists.

A nightmare: whether this was indeed the Patel who was with the Swatantra party, one from whom big and medium business had expected favours by the million, or should we say by the crore?

One of the demands of the private sector is for the reduction of the interest rates and the release of the foreign exchange (hoarded by the Government) for liberal use by private enterprise. Patel explained that the high interest rates were deliberately applied to reflect the scarcity of capital in the country.

Reviewing what has happened over the years, Patel was blunt: "You gentlemen and others like you all over the country were encouraged in a variety of ways to develop a wide range of industries. Contrary to what was hoped, it seems that the prosperity of the few at the top does not trickle down to the many at the bottom."

Patel told industrialists to adopt techniques which would provide more employment, and not hanker after foreign collaborators to get one technique or the other which was developed under conditions totally different from ours.

Patel's remarks have particular relevance to Madras which was the centre of operations of one of his acquaintances, Ramaswamy Mudaliar under whose leadership many Madrasis went in for foreign tie-ups in nuts, bolts and wheels (bicycle as well as other kinds), the sort of deals which we could have done without.

Industrialists and their executives were taken aback when the Finance Minister went on to another aspect of social discord: "To some extent labour indiscipline is the result of the attitudes of managements themselves. Instead of looking upon them as partners in production, they are exploited with a rapacity which would have done credit to the nineteenth century.

Did Patel have in mind some Madras industrial barons whose

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THUS SPAKE

THE MAHATMA

It is my implicit belief that snakes, tigers, etc., are God's answer to the poisonous, wicked, evil thoughts we harbour. I believe that all life is one.

ASOKA SCENTED BETEL NUT POWDER

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BE PRECISE PLEASE

THE Compulsory Deposit muddle is a hang-over from the previous regime which the present Government seems to suffer from. If promises were made at the time of the take-over that employees' accumulations were to be repaid in full or in part, those who gave the assurance should have spelled out the details of repayment very clearly so as to avoid any confusion in the minds of the employees.

The reluctance now to release this fund has resulted in the workers going on strike frequently and causing undue hardship to the public. Last week employees of the Madras Port Trust went on a one-day strike as a protest against the decision of the authorities to withhold payment indefinitely.

Any disruption in the loading and unloading operations in the ports causes huge financial loss to the shippers and the export and import trade as contracts, if they are not fulfilled within the specified dates, tend to lapse.

Madras city experienced a partial strike by some of the workers of the Pallavan Transport Corporation when buses ceased to ply on certain routes causing great inconvenience to the travelling public. Many office goers and students were stranded on the roads.

In order to ensure a climate of peace and harmony between the employees and the management, the Government needs to evolve a workable system whereby the repayment of the Additional Emoluments Compulsory Deposit could be disbursed without pinpricks for everyone concerned.

At the same time, the Government need not fight shy of admitting its inability to carry through a burden imposed on it by the previous rulers.

Of Men And Matters

J. R. D. Grounded

INGRATITUDE is a bitter pill very hard to swallow and when viewed at the national level, it tantamounts to stabbing in the back.

If only someone from the Ministry of Aviation could have handed a polite note to Mr. J.R.D. Tata, Chairman of Air India, that he was being forthwith replaced, it would have been a decent thing, but what they did was a very shameful and cowardly act. By ignoring him and naming Air Chief Marshal P.C. Lal as the successor to take over immediately was the unkindest cut delivered to a noble person like Tata.

In all public undertakings changes in responsible posts are frequent and quite common and therefore if, after the termination of a term, a new chairman is appointed in place of the existing incumbent, none could quarrel with that.

Not many of the present generation could be aware that JRD was the first Indian pilot to have undertaken a solo flight in a tiger moth from Karachi to London and back not for the fun of it, but to establish in the eyes of the ruling British power that what a white man does, an Indian could do better.

Tata Airways and Tata International Airways, the creation of the Tata family were nurtured and shaped to find a place on the air map of the world through the skill, patience, devotion and patriotic urge of JRD. But for Tata, India could not have made an indigenous beginning in civil aviation or achieved the top position she now holds in international traffic in the skies.

Even after the take-over of Tata Airways by the Government of India after Independence, JRD opted to continue to guide the destiny of this most vital undertaking placing all his administrative and technical knowledge at the disposal of the Indian nation. The people remain indebted to this unique personality in an abundant scale never before equalled in the history of the world.

The name JRD is a by word in international civil aviation and Air India had attained pre-eminence in commercial air services solely out of the energy and sacrifice of a lifetime rendered by the man.

He set aside all personal comforts, and even the vital interests of his family's multi-crore business empire to devote time to the development of Air India. For all this, he had not accepted even a single paisa as remuneration, but possibly an honorarium of a rupee or more to fulfil a formality.

The whole nation feels hurt that the Father of Indian civil aviation should have been treated in this manner to give the impression to the outside world that we are governed by a set of politicians who prefer to bite the hand that had fed them.

JRD's greatness and magnanimity remains untarnished, but the nation's honour has suffered a clink in the estimation of the world outside.

Incidentally, it is learnt that as a protest against the insolent behavior of the authorities concerned, quite a number of officials at the top in Air India have proposed handing in their resignation.

—DEEVEE.

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units were strike-bound or locked out ?

Many businessmen have become fond of saying that they welcome very much the adorable change they have seen in George Fernandes, the one-time street agitator and Bombay-bandhwala. Is it not then natural to expect that some of the spoken Leftism among his Janata Party colleagues could also get rubbed on H. M. Patel ?

Is it also possible that Patel has realised—and is even convinced—that no government in a developing country can afford to be not Leftist, at least, in its talk, if not in actual deed ?

Immediately after the Janata election victory, George Fernandes had fired the first broad-sides against the big guns of Industry. Morarji Desai has not said kind words about them, although his Government's first Budget did provide some concessions to the capitalists. Mr Patel must have been under a compulsion to take up the declamatory refrain especially to ward off lobbyists just before the Union Budget.

After all this is said, there is the public experience with Indian administrations. Deeds do not necessarily reflect words. Indira Gandhi screeched from many platforms against the misdeeds—real or supposed—of the capitalists. But she superintended the ballooning of big houses. Why should anyone presuppose that Patels and Patnaiks will act very different when the time turns up for actual action.

Let us not judge our rope-walking politicians by their smiles, frowns, or their words. The play is the thing, not the players.

Let's wait for Act II Scene I.

—Mainstream.

Readers Write

A Patriot Of Eternity

THE people were so lucky, that country was served by an ideal Patriot—Mahatma Gandhi. He worked for the Nation's Welfare, so that whoever admires his patriotism and shows devotion to his principles, known to the human race, can do service to the country with renunciation and selflessness. He is "kindly light" to those who believe in him; let us revere his "noble nature" and sayings. His patriotic spirit has everlasting influence. There are some persons who sing praises to his name, but at heart they cherish Greed for wealth and power. No one should ever try to cast others down from their height, if it is not a very important issue and if it lacks rational justification. Progress and social welfare depend on philosophical sermons preached by Gandhiji.

The politicians who create joy of life in society are his true followers. The decision makers who do not turn away the people's legitimate claims are true patriots. To save some important offices of democracy from coming to miserable state by being occupied by those who lack wisdom is a very important issue. One can only hope that the day will come, when the electorate will act with the dispassionate judgement of elevated souls. Gandhiji's rightousness and supreme knowledge shine on the country and his higher wisdom will show the right way.

—N. Patnaik, Berhampur, Orissa.

The Only Chance

Christian Democratic senators and deputies are alarmed, writes the Rome newspaper *"Paese Sera."* The reason is that too many of the ruling party's local functionaries have been tried latterly for abuse of office and graft. If this goes on, former Mayor of Rome and now Deputy Minister for Home Affairs, has reportedly said, "the only thing that can save us is an amnesty. Otherwise, half of my colleagues will find themselves in jail".

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Warning

The following advertisement recently appeared in the West German newspaper Herfordes Kreisblatt: "Attention, fellow citizens of Herford! My mother passed a driving test today. Be lenient, please, if she causes traffic jams in the centre of Herford because of her inexperience. Buy Herfordes Kreisblatt to know when she is out driving".

FARMING NOTES

Double Sucker Planting Of Banana

YOU can double the yield of dwarf banana by double sucker plantation technique. The method is becoming popular. In this method the number of plants per hectare is doubled leading to doubling the yield.

Banana thrives in well-drained, friable, loamy soils due to its shallow root system. It does not withstand clayey soil where water-logging is a problem.

For the right growth of banana, enough soil moisture with high atmospheric humidity is needed. Banana yields well under assured irrigation.

Prepare land properly for raising banana. Plough the land eight to ten times

Apply 30 tonnes of farm-yard manure per hectare and mix it well in the soil. Green manuring with sunnhemp, especially if the soil is poor in organic matter is a good practice.

The banana is usually propogated from suckers Use sword suckers, with long narrow leaves. The age of suckers should be four months for dwarf varieties.

Plant in May-June rather than in September-October. Give proper spacing for high yield and better quality of the produce.

DOUBLING THE YIELD

In double suckers plantation method of dwarf varieties, follow the square system of planting with spacing of 1.8 metres between plants either way. Plant two suckers instead of one side by side with a spacing of 0.3 metre between them. In this method the number of plants per hectare is doubled. Dig pits of 0.25 metre cube 12 days before planting. Fill these pits with well-rotten compost or cow-dung at the rate of 20Kg per pit mixed with the soil removed from the pit. Plant healthy suckers of uniform size straight in the centre of the pit in such a way that the eyes present on the rhizome remain about 30 cm below the ground surface. A light irrigation is done just after planting.

Manuring plays a key role in the yield and quality of banana. Nitrogen increased the yield but delays the maturity of the crop.

IMPROVES QUALITY

The application of phosphorous and potassium have not produced any appreciable response in yield but potassium improves the fruit quality.

Apply fertilizers in two split doses, one in the third month and another in the fifth month after planting.

You can use oilcake also along with fertilizers.

The following quantities may be applied per plant at the time of each application followed by irrigation for two or three days. Nitrogen 55 gm in the form of urea (120 gm), phospheric acid 18 gm in the form of superphosphate (110 gm) potash 165 gm in the form of muriate of potash (260 gm) and 250 gm of oilcake.

Onion turmeric or ginger can be grown easily as inter-crops which may fetch an income to meet the cost of fertilizers of banana.

De-suckering or removal of unwanted suckers is one of the most important operations in banana cultivation. It will help in getting big bunches of high grade

Retain two suckers per clump, one half grown and another starting to grow when inflorescence appears.

De-sucker by cutting off the sucker a few cms above the ground and gouge out a small part of the central section and pour 1 to 3 teaspoonful of kerosene oil also.

Banana is a shallow-rooted crop with most of the feeding roots confined to the upper 15 cms of the soil. In banana plantation weeds create nitrogen deficiency. A green manure crop can smother the weeds.

Irrigation is essential for good yields from dwarf varieties of banana. Irrigate during the dry period at an interval of two to three weeks; depending upon the soil, weather and availability of water.

Timely staking of bearing plants with bamboo poles reduces the losses due to storms. Wrap the bunches during the winter for better fruit development and to prevent insect damages.

The immature fruits does not attain the desired quality leading to low price in the market. So, harvest the bunches when the fruit is three quarter ripe, about a week or two before it is fully mature, to ensure good quality and better transportation of the fruit.

In case of double suckers plantation of Champa and Kabuli varieties, double plant population produce 5,500 bunches weighing about 82,500 Kg, while single sucker plantation produces 2,700 bunches weighing about 43,125 Kg per hectare. Hence it is clear that double suckers plentation of Champa and Kabuli varieties produce double yield in the existing rea.

Chapatis Better Than Bread

CHAPATIS are nutritionally better than the common (baked) bread, according to a study by the Institute of Animal Physiology and Chemistry at Copenhagen (Denmark).

Western nutrition experts had once said that wheat's protein value was considerably lost in the process of chapati-making.

The findings of the institute have been conveyed to Dr. H.K. Jain, Director of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) New Delhi. During the study by Dr B.O. Begum and Mr. S K Duggal, an IARI scientist, it was observed that the loss in the biological value of proteins in the chapati-making process was only two per cent, much less than the five per cent lost in the baking process used in bread-making, Dr. Jain said.

The two scientists had experimented with the nitrogen balance and amino acid content in wheat flour, chapati and bread, and found that chapati m king had only a minor negative effect on the protein quality.

Chapati fed experimental rats were found to do better than the ones given bread.

Dr. Jain traced the lesser protein loss in chapatis to their minimal contact with burning coal. In baking, contact with heating systems is prolonged.

New Tomatoes Stay Firmer

Of tomatoes which stay firm and fresh twice as long as those now on the market have been developed by scientists at Hebrew University faculty of agriculture in Rehovot.

The tomatoes were cultivated by a research team headed by Prof. Nachum Kedar.

Israel's sizable export of table tomatoes to Europe in recent years has been limited by the short "shelf life" of the fruit. Tomatoes marketed here also suffer a 10 to 20 per cent loss because of early softening.

Prof. Kedar and his team-which includes Mr. Ehud Kopelwitv-in the field and vegetable crops department of the faculty have for several years been breeding tomatoes for resistance to disease and for high yields. About two years ago they began a comprehensive research project aimed at developing strains with "long-lasting" properties. They tested dozens of solid tomato varieties in Israel and abroad and cross-bred them with the traditional edible varieties. Hundreds of combinations were examined, and 10 of them chosen as suitable. The new varieties are much firmer and last much longer in storage than previous ones. They keep their firmness a full week after turning completely red, compared with from two to three-days in the previous types.

Local seed companies have undertaken semi commercial production of the strains for seeds to be sold to farmers in time for the coming autum season.

The researchers are now working on the cultivation of tomatoes which keep up to three or four weeks. This is being done in collaboration with Dr. Yossi Mizrachi, of the Research and Development Authority of the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev.

—News from Israel.

Seed Drills To Raise Yield

The Orissa University of Agriculture and Technology has tasted six seed drills in its fields and found them quite useful. The recommended rate of seeds per hectare is 75 Kg. but farmers use even upto 100 Kg. But they do not get the optimum plant population in the broadcasting process. But on this multi-row drill they could get the optimum number of plants of 70 per square metre.

It was found that using the drill the yield rose to 14 and 20 quintals per hectare in the non irrigated area as against six quintals under the broadcasting system.

According to its designer, Mr. Raghunath Mahapatra, District Agricultural Officer, the distance between the rows could be varied slightly. The drill weighed only 10 Kg. excluding the beam and handle and could be operated by an individual farmer with or without the aid of bullock.

It can also be used for pulses mustrad, gingelly, jute, wheat groundnut and other seeds. There is an attachment for fertilizers to go along with the seeds.

Syed Kirmani Is A Thrilling Spectacle

By P.N. SUNDARESAN

SYED Kirmani has earned a niche in Indian cricket. An Australian critic has described him as an "exciting character", after his substantial contribution to the success of the recent Indian cricket tour of Australia.

As the team's first wicket-keeper Kirmani was expected to acquit himself creditably, which he did. But it is really as a batsman that he excited the imagination. But, anybody, familiar with his role as batsman since last season will not wonder at the way he batted in the recent series.

LIFE GUARD

Ever since he took a firm place in the Indian team, starting with the away series in New Zealand and West Indies in 1975, Kirmani became a vital link in the Indian batting order, connecting the head with the tail. This came out strongly when, after a swift collapse of the Indian first innings against New Zealand in the first test at Bombay last season, he hit up his best score in tests and, supported by skipper Bedi, put the innings back in its stride. And, later in the season, in the series against England, when the Indian batting underwent a terrible mauling at the hands of Lever, Willis and others, it was Kirmani who steadied the sails and helped in rescuing the si king ship somewhat. And, now in the recent series, after taking India to the doorstep of victory in the first Test, he injected another big dose of confidence into the repuled Indian batsmen which, in my opinion, helped to revive their spirits as also their form later in the series.

EXCITING

Kirmani's batting strength stems from a courageous heart and a never-to-be-beaten spirit And he has amply demonstrated that, with half the skill of reputed batsmen of his side, he can be successful in m king runs if one does not get overawed by the opposing bowlers. While he defends with an apparent jerk, in ungainly fashion, one is inclined to send a prayer for his safety at the crease. There is no need to, h owever, for the bowler finds him difficult to beat; nay, let the latter err in his length, Kirmani's style undergoes a remarkable change and he sends the ball crashing to the boundary with a square cut or a pull. Generally he shows a liking for strokes square of the wicket but, serve him with a half-volley, and, one finds him driving with the panache of Gavaskar. And at such times he is really exciting to watch.

ONLY HE CAN DO IT

He is also a thrilling spectacle when he gathers and picks the balls off the stump like lightning as Chandrasekhar hurls one outside the leg-stump. Even Farook Engineer, his predecessor, cannot match his skill in keeping wickets to Chandrasekhar, the most difficult of the Indian bowlers, with his vagaries of mood, length, line and spin. When Kirmani went out of form during the tour of West Indies last season, after an earlier record-breaking performance against New Zealand, his captain Bedi was firm in keeping him in the team because only "Kirmani can cope with Chandrasekhar".

BUILT BRICK BY BRICK

Kirmani has really built his cricket brick by brick. Strange to say it was a brick that served as his first "glove" to aid him behind the wicket. As an eight-year old boy, when he must have been tiny as a tot, the c oice of being the wicket-keeper fell on him. Because it was the most exasperating job as, if the keeper missed the ball he had to walk a mile, so it seemed, to retrelve the ball. Kirmani recounts in an article: "A couple of misses behind the stumps and a couple of long hauls to the boundary and back, I was breathing nineteen to the dozen. To counter this waste of energy, I struck on the idea to hold a brick in my hand, and that used to stop any deliv ry the batsman would miss. And I was so successful in this I was the official wicket-keeper of that side! That is how I started out as a wicket-keeper".

Kirmani's wicket-keeping, I may add, has come up on solid foundations of brick and mortar, of a big heart and guts.

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TAMING OF THE SHREW!

Early in her marriage, the youthful Queen Victoria discovered the difference between ruling a nation and ruling a husband. One day the Queen lost her temper. Her husband, Prince Albert, wordlessly went to his room and locked himself in. The outraged Victoria stalked after him and pounded. "I demand you open this door!" There was no answer. She rapped again, furiously. "Who is there?" shouted Albert. "The Queen of England!" The door remained shut. She rapped again, this time uncertainly. Still no answer. After a while, she whispered meekly. "It's your wife, Albert." Albert intantly opened the door, his face wreathed in smiles.

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CONFESSION

A young woman tried to engage Tennyson in a conversation. She could elicit only an occasional "humph" from him, until in embarrassment she began to fidget.

"You are like all the rest of them!" the great man exclaimed. "You are laced too tightly. I can hear your stays creak".

Mortified and humiliated, the young woman withdrew. A little later in the afternoon Tennyson came behind her, placed h s hand on her shoulder and said kindly:

"I was wrong, young lady. It wasn't your stays I heard creaking, but my braces. They are hitched up too tightly."

CONCLUSION

The boss called one of his clerks into his private office.

"I have noticed, Johnson," he began, "that you, of all my clerks, seem to put your whole life and soul into your work. No detail is too small to escape your attention. No hours are too long for you".

Johnson glowed with pride and satisfaction. "Yes, sir?" he asked, waiting for what he thought was coming next.

"And so, Johnson," his employer went on, "I am forced, much against my will, to sack you. It is such chaps as you who go out and start rival establishments".

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HIS LIKING

An Australian sheep farmer, having drawn a huge wool cheque, bought a Rolls Royce for £7,000. When he brought it back to the garage to have it serviced, the salesman asked if he was thoroughly satisfied with it. "Oh, yes," said the farmer. "I specially like that glass partition between the front seat and the back".

"Why?" asked the salesman.

"Well," said the farmer, "it stops the sheep from licking the back of my neck when I'm taking them to market".

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ANIMAL CRACKERS

A rabbit and a lion entered a restaurant and parked themselves at the counter.

"One head of lettuce" ordered the rabbit. "No dressing".

The counterman pointed to the lion.

"What'll your friend have?" he asked.

"Not a thing," replied the rabbit shortly. "Just skip him."

"What's the matter?" persisted the counterman. "Isn't he hungry?"

The rabit looked the counterman squarely in the eye.

"Look, bud," he stated, "If this lion was hungry, do you think I'd be sitting here?"

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LEAD KIDLY LIGHT

The boy was rather small and he had been used to sleeping with a night light in his room, but his parents finally decided that he must start sleeping in the dark. When his mother put out the light, he asked plaintively.

"Must I sleep in the dark, Mummy?"

"Yes darling," was the reply. "You're getting to be a big boy now".

"Well," was the reply out of the darkness, "may I get up and say my prayers over again—more carefully?"

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FLOORED

A man was trying to get across the busy street when a lady, driving an old car loaded down with a dozen or so assorted children, came plowing through the red light and almost ran him down.

The man dashed for dear life across the street and the lady, nervous and upset pulled to a stop.

"Bang it, lady," yelled the man, "don't you know when to stop?"

"Sir," said the lady in an icy voice, glancing around at all the kids in the car. "I'll have you know all these aren't mine!"

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RETORT

On the shop assistant's recommendation a man bought a cigar and left. A few minutes later he dashed back with an agonised look on his face.

"How dare you sell me a cigar like this," he gasped. "It's simply terrible".

"You've got a nerve complaining," said the shop assistant haughtily, "you've got just one of them, but we've got hundreds of the beastly things."

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JUST IN TIME

"Why are you at the station at this unearthly hour?"

"Well, you see. I can never remember all the things I've forgotten, till I get to the station so I have to allow for plenty of time to go back for them".

New Electric Motor May Be Major Energy Saver

By

Edgar H DE LESSEPS

CRAVENS Wanlass, a California inventor, says it "would look like a dumb thing to do." But he did it anyway and produced a new electric motor that could prove to be a tremendous energy saver. For the Wanlass motor, doing the same job as a conventional model, uses less electricity and saves money for consumers.

Wanlass, 51, is no backyard tinkerer, but an engineer and computer scientist with 43 U.S. patents, mostly in computer science.

It's not unlike the electric motor that runs a refrigerator, blows hot or cool air through a hose or washes and dries clothes and dishes. Wanlass says his "controlled torque" motors, if used in each of these appliances, would cut electricity use by the home owner at least 10 per cent. And, he adds, electricity bills could drop as much as 30 per cent.

CONVERSION COST

In an impromptu laboratory at Tustin, California, Wanlass switches on a quarter horsepower electric motor. Attached is a hydraulic pump, to simulate a workload. The motor hums, and an ammeter and wattmeter plugged into it register 6.6. amperes and 500 watts.

He flicks a toggle switch that converts the motor to his new design. The hum decreases perceptibly. So do the two monitors' readings. The motor is now drawing 2.8 amps of current and using 300 watts of power. "And the motor is doing the same amount of work," Wanlass adds. "So it doesn't take a genius to see that we're saving a lot of power".

Arthur D. Little Company, a consulting firm, estimates 50 million electric meters are sold annually in the United States, consuming 64 per cent of the electricity generated. If most of these motors were converted to his design, or if new appliances incorporated it, Wanlass contends, potential savings could be tremendous.

The cost of converting a one-horsepower electric motor to the Wanlass design: $30 to $40.

PROMISING RESULTS

Whether the Wanlass design lives up to its billing remains to be seen. But initial tests show promising results. At Wanlass' request, Southern California Edison, a utility company, tested the new motor for four months.

Says Glenn Bjorklund, Edison's customer service manager: "We were pleasantly surprised to see that where a normal one-horsepower motor would draw 1 600 watts, we could convert it to Mr. Wanlass' idea to do the same amount of work and draw 925 watts".

Since the Yugoslav-born inventor Nikola Tesla designed the first one in the late 1800s, there have been no fundamental changes in the electric motor. And if Wanlass were an electric motor specialist, he concedes, he probably would not have improved the Tesla design.

"I didn't know anything about motors, and that was probably lucky for me," says Wanlass. "I don't think an electric motor engineer would have come up with it. It's not an obvious design. If you were to do it from scratch, it would look like a dumb thing to do".

HOW IT WORKS?

So what did Wanlass do? Using existing motor parts, he added a second winding circuit and a second capacitor. Capacitors store the energy and thus regulate its flow according to the motor's capacity to use it.

The changes add the equivalent of a high gear when the motor is running at full speed.

Wanlass' motor runs more efficiently, closer to its optimum work load, and draws less electricity.

"It should also last longer," adds Wanlass, "because there's a less heat. That's where most of the in efficiency is: heat. I've transfered heat into power".

Besides the Edison company tests, the new motor has been in experimental use in a restaurant operation. The results? A 10 per cent reduction in the electricity bill.

He acknowledges that his design seems inappropriate for some existing appliances, such as refrigerators (their motors are hermetically seal d) and garbage disposals (they don't run often enough to pay). And consumers and manufacturers seem unlikely to welcome the cost of overnight conversion.

Catch Them Yourself

The Scotia Investments Ltd., owners of Dudley Zoo which has existed for forty years, have decided to close it because receipts from admission fees are not enough for the upkeep of the animals, and to move them to other zoos in Britain. Fighting to save their jobs, the zoo keepers and administrators are protesting in an original manner: they have informed the company of their refusal to help move the animals to other places. The buyers, they say, can come and catch lions, gazelles, crocodiles, rattlesnakes and other animals themselves.

Doggy Business

THERE is a luxurious dress-making establishment in the centre of Munich. The owners treat their clients with politeness and are eager to please them. All kinds of clothes and footwear can be made: coats, pajamas, fur slippers. Clients can also order other things: umbrellas, gog lers, life-belts and skis. The latest fashions are mantles for official receptions and...dog collars, adorned with artificial diamonds.

The fact is that this establishment is meant for dogs, whose owners want to keep pace with the latest fashion. Today thoroughbred dogs, whose owners are well-to-do persons, are supposed to have a full set of elegant clothes. A dog's clothes are an index of its owner's wellbeing and prestige.

The Munich dressmaker's is the most popular, but not the only one in West Germany. There are also eight special factories, which sow dog's clothes.

Dogs do not keep aloof from the "jeans boom", which has spread throughout the world. One inhabitant of Munich complained that he could not choose a pair of jeans for his dog.

Jeans have become an object of swindle, too. Recently the Basel Police arrested four crooks and confiscated 30,000 of jeans. They all had a label of the famous Levi Straus company, but were 'false". The thing is that, though the jeans did not differ from those sown by Levi Strauss, they were made in Taiwan. The Levi Strauss manager and other owners were alarmed by that incident. According to secret service information another 55,000 pairs of "false" jeans are to be smuggled on the European market. That is why Levi Strauss keeps the police in readiness.

Another company, Blue Bell, decided to expose the owners, who sell "false" jeans. Thirty-five owners of department stores were brought to trial.

To defend their interests, the owners, at times, go too far. Thus, two armed detectives accompained an armoured automobile with a new model of dress, tailored by Serge Lepage, the top dress-designer of fashion in Paris. The dress made in the style of Sandro Botticelli's "Spring" and adorned with 512 one and two carat diamonds, cos s 7,500,00 francs. The newspaper *L'Humanite* wrote that this is equal to the wage of a French worker over 300 years.

Dressmaking shops for dogs, "jeans ballyhoo" and fabulous prices on dresses help the ruling circles blur the heavy crisis, suffered by the West.

Youth: Poor Prospects

The words "unemployment" and "youth" are ever more frequently placed together in newspaper and magazine headlines. "Britain's young generation has risen against society", says the British press with alarm. "Nobody Employs Them", runs a heading in West Germany's *DER STERN*. The same is stated by French, Italian, Belgian and Netherland newspapers and magazines. Below are some figures, given by *US News And World Report*.

Washington. As many as 3,600,000 young Americans search for a job every day

London. There are 600,000 unemployed in Britain under the age of 25.

Rome. There are 1,200,000 young unemployed in Italy.

Paris. 45 per cent of school leavers cannot find a job.

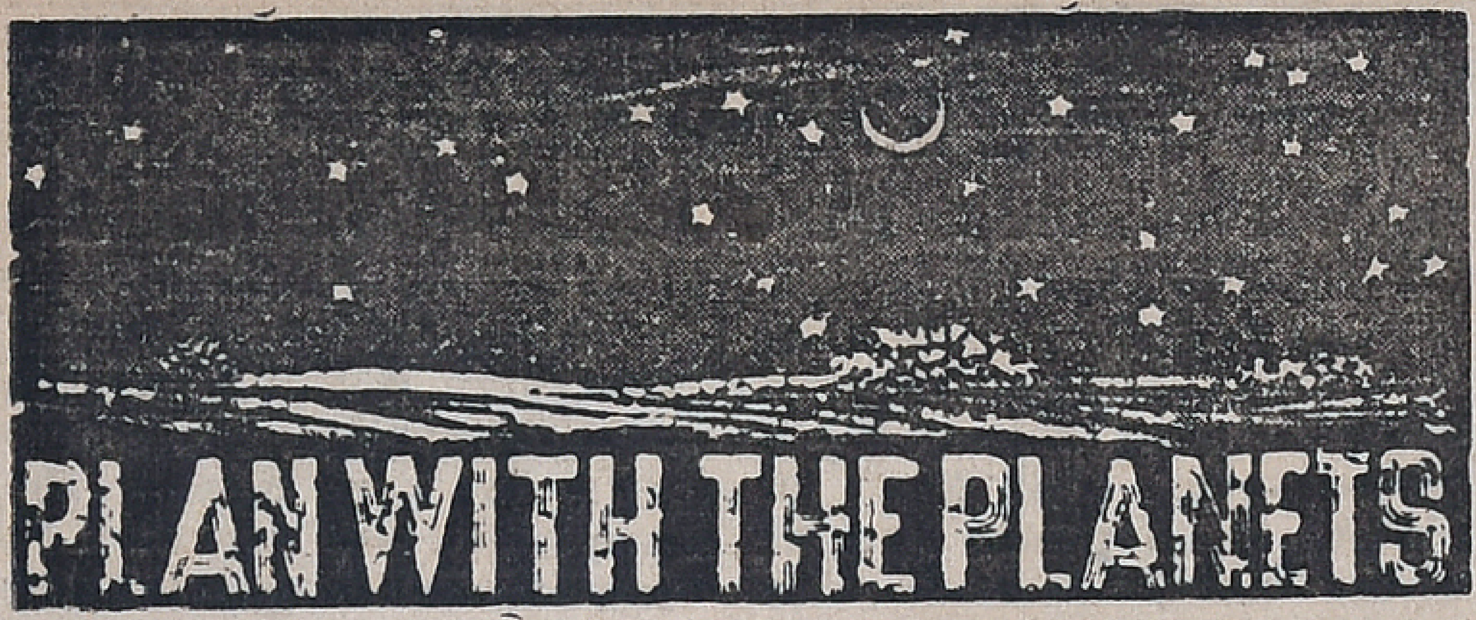
Bonn. Student organizations say there are some 500,000 unemployed in West Germany under the age of 25.

Shoplifting

The number of shop thefts in the Federal Republic of Germany is constantly growing. The cost of the goods stolen in the course of one year is estimated at 2,500 million marks. More often than not, shoplifters are not moneyless: 99 per cent of those apprehended had more cash than was necessary to pay for the things they had stolen. There are even ecclesiastics among them. In one Munich department store, for instance, 117 nuns have been caught stealing in twelve months. One chaplain has tried to steal porn books three times.

New Phone Service

Telephone hooliganism is so widespread in Switzerland that a special line for obscene calls has been set up. For a fee of two francs a minute, anyone who feels like using dirty language can simply pick up a phone, dial one of the several given numbers and throw an unlimited amount of insults at the operators at the other end. The idea—seriously to diminish the number of anonymous obscene calls to homes and offices—has not worked out as planned: it is impossible to get through to any of those numbers at peak hours. There are too many people wishing to avail themselves of the new service.



For The Week 12th February To 18th February 1978

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THIS week shows progressive trends. You will be able to complete some of the long pending problems. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Minor speculative gains are also indicated. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Short journeys are indicated. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 15th & 16th.

VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

MOST of the week shows favourable trend. You will be able to finalise a major financial transaction this week. You can also expect some favourable changes in office. Property matters cou d be finalised favourably. Domestic responsibility will increase. But you can expect cooperation from your family members. Avoid long di tance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 13th & 14th.

MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Atudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THIS week shows mixed results. You should wait for some more time to implement your plans. Financial position will improve. But avoid speculative investments. Also y u should devote more attention to official matters. Avoid friction with superiors. Domestic atmosphere will be coludy. Avoid friction with elders. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THIS week shows favourable trends. You should utilise this opportunity to improve your position in office. Promotional possibilities are bright. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Investment made in real estate will yield good results. Family members will be cooperative. Progress made by youngsters will give much pleasure. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days: 14th & 15th.

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THIS week starts with emphasis on monetary matters. You will be able to finalise a major financial transaction before the end of this week. No major changes are seen in office. Property matters should be handled proper y to avoid complications lat r. Fam ly members will be cooperative. Health requires attention. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 14th & 15th.

KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

THIS week shows mixed trends. You should try to stabilise your position. Some of the old contacts will again come into prominence. Family members will be considerate. But matters relating to children require extra care. Health needs attention. Finance is fairly satisfactory. But avoid speculative investment. You should be cautious in dealing with strangers. Favourable days: 13th & 14 h.

THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

THE whole week will be favourable. You should continue your efforts to improve your position. Financial position will be satisfactory. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Children's progress will give you much pleasure. Health will be well maintained. You may have to undertake a journey shortly. Change of place is indicated for some. Favourable days: 12th & 13th.

VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THIS week shows favourable trends. You will be able to solve some of the long pending problems. You can a so expect encouragement from your superiors. You will be rewarded for the efforts you are making for the last three or four weeks. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Health will be well maintained. Short journeys are indicated. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

THIS week shows mixed results. You will be able to complete some of the long pending works. But you should wait for some more time to start new ventures. Financial position will not be up to the expectations. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

THIS week opens with new opportunities to develop your business. You will be developing new contacts. Investment made in real estate will yield good results. Financial position will improve. Family atmosphere will be pleasant. Matters relating to children could be finalised favourably. Health will improve. Av id long distance journeys unless necessary. Favourable days: 13th & 14th.

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THIS week shows progressive trend. You can expect much cooperation from your superiors. You will be given a new and more attractive assignment. Finance is fairly satisfactory. Investment made in real estate will yield good results. You may have to undertake short journeys frequently. Partnership matters require attention. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 15th & 16th.

MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada 1/4
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THIS week shows mixed results Though progressive trends are indicated in office, you should avoid friction with associates. Finance is fairly satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments. You should be cautious in dealing with strangers. Family members will be cooperative. Children's progress will give you much pleasure. Avoid long distance journeys unless necessary. Health will be well maintained. Favourable days: 17th & 18th.

Muscovite's Diary

IVAN IVANOV

BREZHNEV'S MEMOIRS

WHEN I was going through the newspapers and magazines, I was attracted by the memoirs of Leonid Brezhnev, in the magazine "NOVY MIR". Here h: narrates about one of the battles of the past war the battle for the "Small land", a small beach head near the Black Sea po t f Novogrossiisk, in which he fought.

He Leonid Brezhnev recalls with pain his comrades–in–arms who gave their lives in the struggle. History, he writes, knows numerous acts of individual heroism.

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INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS

IN connection with India's Republic Day many meetings were held in Moscow. With great enthusiasm the people of the USSR celebrated this national day of India. Many important personalities participated in the meetings.

Ivan Arkhipov, Vice Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers has said the two countries will study and define the prospects of cooperation particularly in the ferrous and non-ferrous metal industries, in agriculture and irrigation.

Stressing that the USSR highly values the peace-loving policy of India, its adherence to non-alignment and co-existence of states, Mr. Arkhipov said that the Soviet people sincerely rejoice over India's successes in the building up of a modern India. He was confident that Soviet-Indian relations have a great future.

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LIVING STANDARDS

RECENTLY the Soviet Press has published a report by the Central Statistical Board which summed up the country's economic development in 1977. According to the reports the real per capita income of the population of the USSR in 1977 went up b 3.5 per cent as compared with the previous year.

Last year nearly 11 million people had their housing conditions improved. Schools for 1.5 million pupils, pre-school institutions with accommodation for 580,000 children and hospitals with 65,000 beds were built. Now 93 million people are engaged in various forms of studies. The g owth of industrial output in the USSR last year was 5.7 percent compared with the preceding year, the plan target being 5.6 per cent.

RACING REVIEW :

Guindy BI-Centenary Race At The Mercy Of Manitou

By "SNAPPER"

THE completion of the Indian Derby at Bombay this year with Byramji-Trained Manitou creating a new record by winning the event in the amazing time of 2m. 31 4/5 secs. Over 2,400M course serves only as a fore-runner of what can be the verdict in the Bi Centenary Trophy race scheduled to take place at Guindy on March 5.

The running of the race will be a mere formality for Manitou to add one more feather to his streak of victories. All the same, there will be great excitement on this day to see which of the contenders from the various racing centres in India will be able to give a close fight and earn the runner-up berth.

MAJOR ROLE'S GREAT SHOW

On Sunday, Major Role once again proved that he is one of the best milers for his age in the South. Jockey Smith who was associated with the horse's previous victory, did a splendid job by allowing Major Role to make a slow beginning and keeping him in the rear till the heads were turned for home. When set alight at the important stage, Major Role was so full of running that Mid Day Sun (Abhay Singh up) who was shaping like a winner of the Czechoslovakia Cup made no impression on him.

A frivolous objection was lodged by jockey Mathews, rider of Recall against the winner Pixie Girl (J.A. Fownes) in the Patron Plate, a handicap race for horses in Class III over 1,600M and the Stewards fined him Rs. 500.

Of late Mathews has been disappointing punters with his indifferent riding on some of trainer Hill's good charges. The repeated failure of Grande Marque, for instance, to make the grade so far needs to be looked into.

SUNDAY RACES

The following are the acceptances for the 22nd day races, to be run at Guindy on Sunday February, 12, 1978.

1. QUTAB PLATE
1200 Metres 2.00 p.m.

1. Duke of Wellington 54, 2. Rare Flame 54, 3 Regal Eagl 54, 4. Chivas Royal 54. 5. Ardent Queen 52½, 6 Lovely Princess 52½. 7. Cherooke 52½.

2. BOBBILI CUP
1,600 M 2-40 p.m.
H cap for horses in Class IV

1. Gay Future 60, 2. Queen of Seer 59, 3. Guido 56, 4. Prediction 53½. 5. Red Flame 52½, 6 High Society 52, 7. Hamplon Court 49.

3. NEON PLATE
1,400 M 3 15 p.m.
H'cap for horses in C II

1. Roman Eagle 60, 2. Cyrus 57, 3. Century Princess 55½, 4. Great Seer 54, 5. Pixie Girl 53½, 6. Red Alligator 53, 7. Desperado 52½, 8. Candide 5 ½, 9. Character 50, 10. Regal Bird 48½,

4. SOUTH INDIA St. LEGER
2,800 M 3-50 p.m.
For Indian horses 4 years old.

1. Grand Parade 57, 2. Ivanjiea 55½, 3. Fox Bat 55½.

5. QUEEN ELIZABETH COMMEMORATION CUP
1,600 M 4-25 p.m.
H'cap for Indian horses
3 years old winners only

1. Red Chieftan 60, 2. Enter the Red 55½, 3. Ali 52, 4. Tallahassee 52.

6. MIRAGE PLATE
1400 Metres 5-00 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Class III

1. Willow 60, 2. Venumbaka 58, 3. Auroson 57, 4. Young Hawk 56½, 5. Shogun 51½. 6. Friendly Type 51, 7. King Pin 50, 8. The President 50, 9. Dauntless 49½, 10. Roman Flame 48, 11. Glad News 47½.

7. PANDIYA PLATE
1600 Metres 5-30 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Class A

1. Cosmic Fury 60, 2. Royal Status 58, 3. Silver Legend 57, 4. Donuprani 56, 5. Red Prince 53½, 6. Red Knight 52, 7. Amanta 49½.

	Race Nos.
JACKPOT :	2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7
1st TREBLE :	1, 2 & 3
2nd TREBLE :	5, 6 & 7.
1st DOUBLE :	2 & 3.
2nd DOUBLE :	6 & 7.
1st TANALA :	Race : 3.
2nd TANALA :	Race : 6.

SATURDAY RACES

The following are the runners for the extra day's races to be run at Guindy on Saturday, February 11, 1978.

1. MANJRI PLATE Div. I
1000 Meter 2.00 p m.
Maiden Ind horses 3 yrs old

1. Huck Finn 54, 2. Baniamin 54, 3. Humpty Dumpty 54, 4. Nations pride 54, 5 Star Hosters 5 ½, 6 Wanderer 52½, 7. Gala Girl 52½, 8. Conquest 52½, 9. The Judgement 52½, 10. Rolling Plan 52½, 11. Jubilee 52½.

2. TURF CLUB CUP
2400 Metres 2 40 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Class II
(Ind. horses Class III eligible)

1. Elysium 60, 2. Aryabatta 47½ 3. Young Emperor 45½, 4. Emperor of Killiyanur 45½, 5. Nobody Near 45½.

3. KAILASH PLATE
1400 Metres 3 15 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Class A
5 years old & upwards

1. Lightening Enterprise 60, 2. The Hermit 58½ 3. Lucky Wish 58½, 4. Morn 58, 5. Golden O b 54½, 6. Know How 50, 7. Rummy & Snow 50, 8. Noble Friend 48, 9. Harbour Lights 47.

4. KHATMANDU PLATE
1 00 Metres 3 50 p.m.
H'cap for horses Class IV

1. Dark Diamond 60, 2. Pamme Queen 59½, 3. Solar Ray 59½, 4. Astro Turf 58½, 5. Future Flash 68½, 6. Tr lawne 57½, 7. Black Tarquin 57, 8. William Tell 55½.

5. SILIGURI PLATE
H'cap for horses in Class A

1. Ivanova 60, 2. Nadir Shah 80, 3. Crown Court 58, 4 Luminous 56, 5, Growing Confidence 55, 6 Sky Wink 54, 7. Accomplish 49½, 8. Loyal Turk 49, 9. Analie 49, 10. Kaiser Wilhelme 47½, 11. Red Arrow 47.

6. NAGALAND PLATE
1400 Metres 5 00 p.m.
H'cap for horses in Class B

1, Sweet Revenge 60, 2. Dearest 59½, 3. Flash of Dawn 53½, 4. Super Lady 51, 5, B bu 51, 6. Hidden Treasure 48, 7. Our Neckar 45½.

7. MANJRI PLATE Div. II
1000 Metres 5 30 p.m.
Maiden Ind. horses 3 yrs old

1. Golden Bear 54, 2. Pure Class 54, 3. Indian Chief 54, 4. Paso Fino 52½, 5. Marie Mohawk 52½, 6. Saucy Sheila 52½, 7. Dyanora 52½, 8. Sati umati 52½, 9. Michelle 52½, 10. Fire Angel 52½,

JACKPOT	:—2, 3, 4, 5 & 6.
1st TREBLE	:—1, 2 & 3.
2nd TREBLE	:—4 5 & 6.
1st DOUBLE	:—3 & 4.
2nd DOUBLE	:—5 & 6.
1st TANALA Race :	3.
2nd TANALA Race :	5.

Snapper's Selections

I	Nations Pride	1
	Wanderer	2
II	Young Emperor	1
	Emperor of Kiliyanur	2
III	Lightning Enterprise	1
	Lucky Wish	2
	The Hermit	3
IV	Astro Turf	1
	Black Tarquin	2
V	Ivanova	1
	Accomplish	2
	Nadir Shah	3
VI	Hidden Treasure	1
	Super Lady	2
VII	Marie Mohawk	1
	Saucy Sheila	2

Best Bet.

Ivanova

Snapper's Selections

I	Rare Flame	1
	Cherooke	2
II	Queen of Seer	1
	Red Flame	2
III	Century Princess	1
	Red Alligator	2
IV	Fox Bat	win only
V	Red Chieftan	1
	Enter The Red	2
VI	Willow	1
	Friendly Type	2
VII	Royal Status	1
	Donuprani	2

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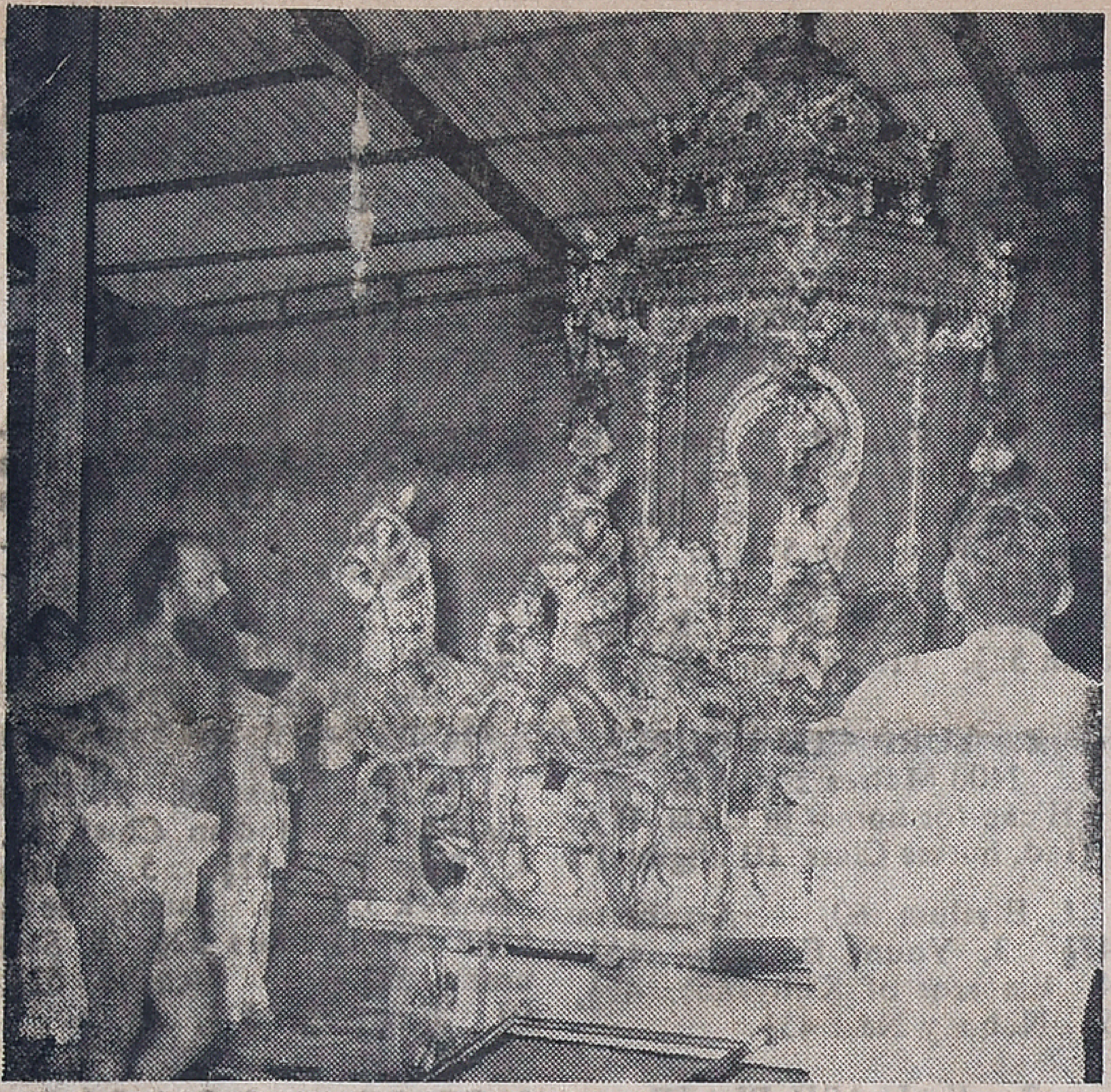
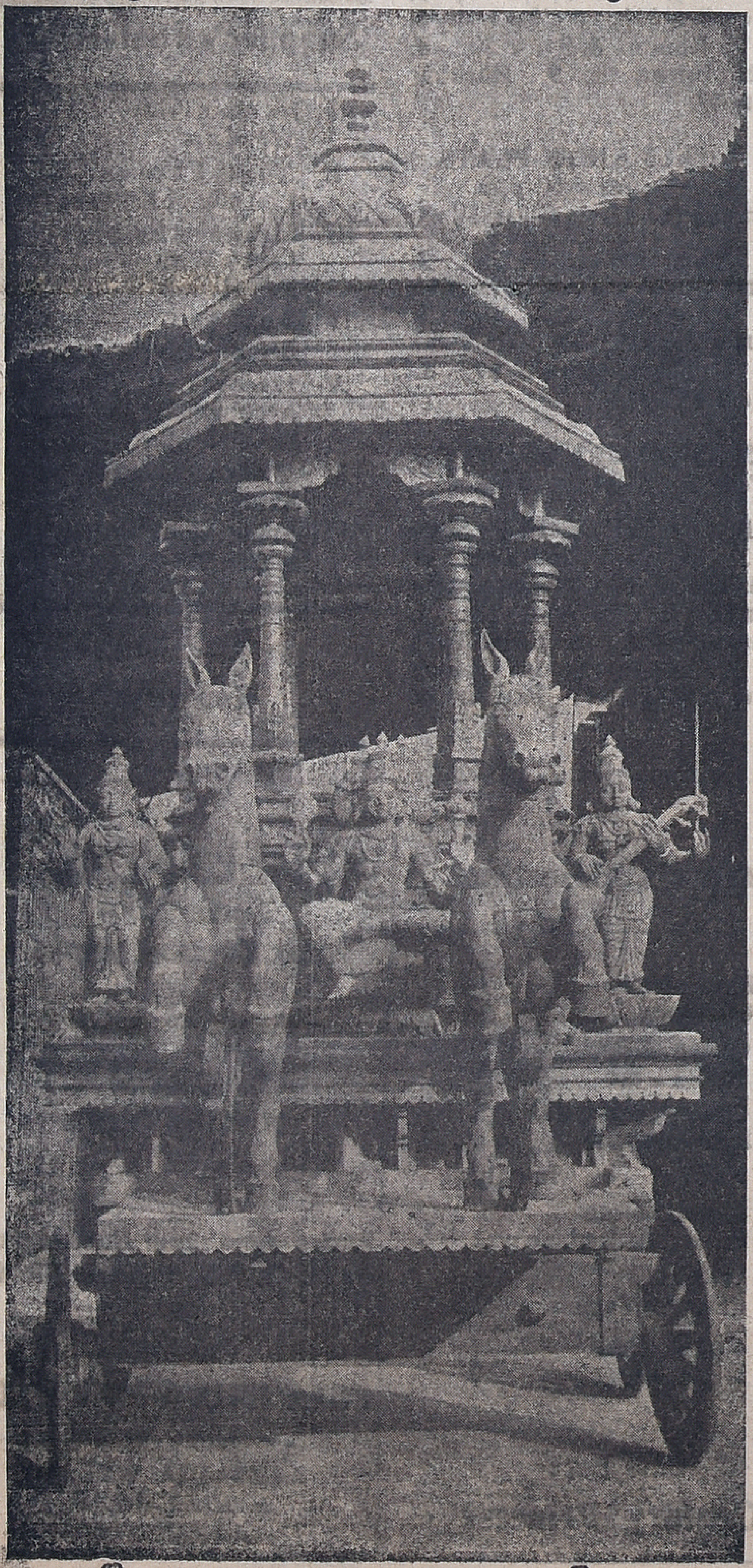


Sri Balamuruganadimai Swami is seen inspecting the Golden Car of the Arulthiru Balamurugan Thirukkoil, Ratnagiri, Kilminnal, which is being inaugurated for the run by Tamil Nadu Governor Prabhudas Patwari on February 10. Picture below shows the temple car before gold plating.



FILM REVIEWS

Andaman (Kathali) Is Beautiful

THE natural scenery of the Andaman and Nicobar islands has been captivatingly picturised and presented in Mukha Films' ANDAMAN KATHALI in colour.

Producer V. Ramaswami and director V. Srinivasan with their unit take the audience to enjoy the beauty spots of the far off islands through the film media.

The colour photography by R. Sampath is of high standard. Gemini's colour processing is in keeping with high quality and reputation.

A story with a runaway husband becoming rich and returning to his home ground looking for his wife many years later, a wife waiting patiently undergoing untold sufferings for the return of the husband who has deserted her and their reunion after several years through their children is not new to us. But Prof. A.S. Prakasam through his spicy, thought-provoking and appropriate dialogues has inducted a freshness into the story to make it appear new.

Sivaji Ganesan has acted as the run way husband who is picked by a millionaire and acquires a lot of wealth. He has presented the haughtiness of the rich with telling effect. He is particularly impressive in the sequence where he learns that there are things that money cannot buy. He is more at ease as the elderly Prabhu than the young worker.

Sujatha portrays the role of Maragatham, the suffering wife. She is quite natural in that role as it fits her well.

Chandramohan and Kavitha pair is young and charming.

Thengai Srinivasan, Manorama, Typist Gopu, Y.G. Mahendra, Kathadi Ramamurthy and A. Sakunthala have been assigned the task of providing the lighter moments of the film. Sukumari and Senthamarai have done justice to their roles. Baby Indira, as the ailing child, is impressive.

Kavignar Kannadasan has provided the lyrics. The music is by M.S. Viswanathan.

V. Srinivasan has directed the film ably. His handling of the subject of the film is appreciable.

One flaw that is glaringly visible is that the film has not clearly brought out the traditions and cultures of the tribals and other inhabitants of the islands on which nature has abundantly showered its beauty.

Mariamman Thiruvizha Is Disappointing

IF one goes to the Tamil film 'MARIAMMAN THIRUVIZHA' with the fond hope of witnessing and enjoying the splendor and glory of the festival to the Goddess Mariamman he will be utterly disappointed. Because the title of the film has no relevence to the story.

Producer K.N. Subbaiah has provided the story for the film directed by Venkatesh.

Delhi Ganesh and Sujatha are paired in the film. Sivakumar and Meera form another pair. As the film offers practically no scope for acting, probably due to poor conception of the theme, none of the artistes have done full justice to their roles. One is inclined to feel that the producer and director must have some grievance against Manorama. Otherwise they would not have adorned her with all sorts of costumes and made her act in a love squence involving her and Thengai Srinivasan. Thangavelu has utilised what little scope is available to put up a good show. Another of the artiste whose talents have been wasted is Rajasulochana.

The music is by Elavaraja. The tunes make one think that he cannot score new notes other than what he has done already.

It is difficult to believe that photography is by Vincent.

On the whole it is a disappointing film.

AVAL THANTHA URAVU

M.N.S. Enterprises' AVAL THANTHA URAVU featuring Muthuraman and Sarada in the leading roles is yet another of the average Tamil movies that have hit the silver screen recently.

There are too many turns, twists and contrived situations in the story that it drags on.

Sarada's talent has been wasted on an ordinary role which could not bring out her histrionics. Muthuraman has acted as Mohan with understanding. The comic portion of the film composed by K.S. Raja has been presented by Manorama and Suruliraja n. Kavitha and Lakshmisri are adequate. Directed by Durai, the film has music by M.S. Viswanathan.

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